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SUBJECT: TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS: NATO/SOFA; EXTENSION

1. SUMMARY: IN THE JANUARY 6 WORKING GROUP MEETING
TURKISH TEAM OFFERED TEXT ON A SECOND PARAGRAPH TO THEIR
FORMER ARTICLE XIII ON NATO/SOFA. IN AN APPARENT
ATTEMPT TO MEET SOME U.S. CONCERNS THE NEW PARAGRAPH
CONTAINS AN UNDERTAKING BY GOT TO PUBLISH CIRCULARS TO
IMPLEMENT THE SOFA. DISCUSSION ALSO TOUCHED ON POS-
SIBILITY OF NEW TAX RELIEF AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE NEW TURKISH PARAGRAPH IS ADDED TO THE PREVIOUS

AD REF TURKISH ARTICLE XVII (NOW RENUMBERED XVI) AND
U.S. ARTICLE VII(1). THE TEXT OF TURKISH NEW PARA
2 FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

2. FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS
OF THE "AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE NORTH
ATLANTIC TREATY REGARDING THE STATUS OF THEIR FORCES
DATED JUNE 19, 1951, THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY AGREES TO
ISSUE APPROPRIATE DETAILED CIRCULARS.

END TEXT.

3. TURKISH TEAM LEADER ASULA EXPLAINED THAT THIS
LANGUAGE WOULD SERVE INTER ALIA AS A GOT COMMITMENT TO EXTEND THE
DUTY-FREE IMPORT PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI(4) OF THE
SOFA TO DEPENDENTS AND THE CIVILIAN COMPONENT. HE SAID
THAT TO ALLAY U.S. FEARS IN THIS REGARD GOT
IS PREPARED TO MAKE THIS PARTICULAR COMMITMENT THROUGH AN EXCHANGE
OF NOTES. THE U.S. TEAM POINTED OUT THAT THESE ASSURANCES
WOULD NOT RPT NOT MEET NEEDS COVERED BY U.S. ARTICLE
VII(2). DISCUSSION LED TO A REITERATION OF U.S. CONCERNS
OVER LACK OF TAX RELIEF PROVISIONS IN THE TURKISH FORMU-
LATIONS. ASULA RESPONDED THAT TAX RELIEF COULD NOT
PRT NOT BE ADDRESSED IN THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT A
SEPARATE TAX RELIEF AGREEMENT MIGHT BE NEGOTIATED AT
A LATER DAT. HE INDICATED THA SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD
BE INFLUENCED BY U.S. ASSISTANCE PACKAGE. U.S. TEAM
CHAIRMAN REAFFIRMED U.S. REQUIREMENT FOR AGREEMENT ON
BOTH TAX RELIEF AND NATO/SOFA EXTENSION PROVISIONS DURING
CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS.
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